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Dear Ms. McCarthy,

The proposed cleanup for Portland Harbor is unacceptable, and in all ways, inadequate. In fact, the EPA has identified over 150 businesses, some of which are large multi-national corporations, that should and could take on the responsibility of cleanup. Yet the EPA's proposal clearly favors big business over the safety and health of the Portland community.

I live in the St Johns community in North Portland. We have one of the best waterfront parks in the city and easy access to the Willamette River. Yet because the river is contaminated with over 185 toxic pollutants and with dangerous levels of PCB's, DDT's and metals, my family and I are not able to safely enjoy the river.

We deserve a healthy river that can be utilized by the community, while meeting the following expectations and considerations:

- A safe and thorough removal of contaminants that are NOT disposed of in the neighborhood of St Johns. A partial cleanup is not acceptable.

- A required air and water monitoring system that ensures that neighbors, workers and wildlife are safe and have minimal contact with air and water pollutants.

- An end outcome of a river that is safe to use by both people and animals and that the health of the fish in the river are verified safe for consumption, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

- All identified businesses that took part in the pollution should be held responsible for paying for the contamination cleanup by means of their profits.

- That local companies are utilized when appropriate, and that the needs of the community and local tribes comes before before business.

We are better than this and will not settle for less. I look forward to hearing the revised plan this fall.

Thank you,

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